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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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APPLICATION NO.: 10/749664

GROUP ART UNIT: 1774

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EXAMINER: TAMRA DICUS

FOR: MICROWAVE SUSCEPTOR MATERIAL CONTAINING ARTICLE

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**APR 21 2006****RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the Office Communication dated March 24, 2006, a restriction requirement was set forth between:

- I. Claims 1-15 and 20-23, drawn to a food packaging article, classified in class 428, subclass 195.
- II. Claims 16-17 and 24-31, drawn to a method of preparing or making a food packaging article, classified in class 430, subclass 9.

Furthermore the Office communication set forth a requirement for an election of species in the wording:

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

In response to the requirements it is noted:

- (1) the Office communication is silent concerning a grouping of claims 18 and 19
- (2) the Office communication is silent concerning an identity of species.